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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6845**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1310

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 3, 2012

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Commission on Improving the Status of Children.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Crawford

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana. The bill requires certain departments, agencies, and boards to submit an annual report concerning the status of children to the Commission by June 30 of each year and to submit any other reports and information requested by the Commission. The bill allows the Commission to request information and reports regarding matters related to children from other state agencies.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Under the bill, only members of the General Assembly who serve on the 25-member Commission are entitled to per diem, mileage, and travel allowance. This bill will increase state expenditures to provide per diem, travel allowance, and other expenses of the Commission. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$16,500 per interim for committees with at least 16 members.

This bill will also increase the workload of the Legislative Services Agency to provide staffing for the Commission. Current staffing and resource levels should be sufficient to meet these responsibilities.

Additionally, this bill will also increase the workload of the following state agencies to provide the Commission with annual reports regarding the status of children:

- (1) The Department of Education (DOE)
- (2) The Department of Correction (DOC)
- (3) The Criminal Justice Institute (CJI)

- (4) The Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA)
- (5) The Department of Child Services (DCS)
- (6) The Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP)
- (7) The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH)
- (8) The Board for the Coordination of Programs Serving Vulnerable Individuals

Current staffing and resource levels should be sufficient to fulfill the requirements of the bill.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** DOE; DOC; CJJ; DMHA; DCS; OMPP; ISDH; Board for the Coordination of Programs Serving Vulnerable Individuals.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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